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- "The Bou Beker vein is located along the Algerian-Moroccan border. The greatest part of the vein is found in Morocco where it is exploited by the Societe des Mines de Zellidja. This company in the first nine months of 1953 extracted: 31,826 tons of lead ore (of 75%) and 41,947 tons of zinc ore (of 55%). In 1952 the Societe des Mines de Zellidja extracted 51,864 tons of lead ore and 43,968 tons of zinc ore.
- "The eastern part of the vein, found in Algeria, is mined by the Societe Algerienne du Zinc, an affiliate of the Societe des Mines de Zellidja. Its production is not counted with that of Morocco, but is included in the total figure of Algeria. This Algerian part of the vein is called El Abed (once named Oued Zounder). In 1952 it produced: 256 tons of lead ore and 3,781 tons of zinc ore. In the first nine months of 1953 its production was 1,635 tons of lead ore and 16,490 tons of zinc ore.
- "PLOMB-ZINC D'AFRIQUE DU NORD 27 Nov 53
Current Lead-Zinc Production in North Africa (in metric tons)

	Minerai de plomb [Lead Ore]	Minerai de zinc [Zinc Ore] Blende [Zinc Sulfide]	Plomb métal doux [Lead bullion] Calamine [Zinc Oxide]	Scories grises [Lead Bullion]
Algeria (first 8 mos 1953)	7.425	17.520	3.771	-
Tunisia (first 10 mos 1953)	31.653	5.533	-	23.000
Morocco (first 9 mos 1953)	81.006	43.620	-	20.254 7.376

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Expected Production for 1953 (in metric tons)

	[Lead Ore]	[Zinc Ore]		[Lead Bullion]	[Lead Bullion]
		[Zinc Sulfide]	[Zinc Oxide]		
Algeria	11.000	26.200	5.600	-	-
Tunisia	38.000	6.600	-	27.500	-
Morocco	108.000	65.000	-	27.000	9.800

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